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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/036,254	Applicant(s) BLINN ET AL. <i>af</i>	
	Examiner Shelley Self	Art Unit 3725	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6 and 9-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7, 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 October 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) <i>J</i> | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) <i>/</i> | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: 20. A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4-8 and 14, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. With regards to claims 4 and 6, the arrangement and critical relationship between the disk and studs with respect to the bolt and ram is unclear.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "the objects". There is no antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tezuka (3,416,439). With regard to claims 1, 11, and 12, Tezuka discloses a press having a base plate (1), a frame (4), a ram (6) and a ram head (2) rotatable relative to the frame. Tezuka does not disclose a bolt connected to the ram for rotationally mounting the ram head onto the ram. Tezuka does however disclose a rotational mounting manner between the ram head (2), supporting plate (7), hydraulic cylinders (5), and ram (col. 3, lines 19-25). It is obvious, however that Tezuka mounts the ram head (2) to the ram (6) by a mounting/sustaining means. It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one having ordinary skill in the art to use a bolt (having a threaded portion) to mount/secure/sustain the ram head (2) to the ram (6).

With regard to claim 9, Tezuka discloses an extension centering the ram and ram head (13).

With regard to claim 10, Tezuka discloses a ram vertically movable hydraulically with only said ram head being rotatable to the frame (col. 3, lines 40-43).

With regard to claim 13, Tezuka discloses a hydraulic mechanism (5, 17) as a means to actuate the ram (6, 7).

With regards to claim 14, Tezuka discloses compressed objects of bulky parts (col. 1, line 15).

Claims 2 and 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tezuka (3,416,439) in view of Crandall et al. (4,584,936). Tezuka does not disclose the use of a pre-stressed bolt as a means to mount the ram head to the ram. Crandall teaches the use of pres-

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stressed bolts as a mounting means (abstract) so as to minimize stress to the press frame during operation. Because both references are from a similar art and deal with a similar problem (i.e. mounting means and decreased wear to the press frame from minimized stress) it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one having ordinary skill in the art to use pre-stressed bolts (wherein the bolt stress is greater the weight of the ram head or ram head stress) as taught by Crandall so as to counteract the stresses from the load during press operation.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 4-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if any 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections were overcome.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelley Self whose telephone number is (703) 305-5299. The examiner can normally be reached Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Allen Ostrager can be reached at (703) 308-3136. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3579 for regular and After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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